

RECORDS

OBITUARIES

CROOKS—Billie Crooks, 67, of Creswell, Ore., passed away Aug. 4, 2018, surrounded by her family.

She was born to Orville (Pete) and Alice Peterson in Cottage Grove on Oct. 17, 1950. She married Darryl Crooks on July 8, 1972.

She is survived by her husband; her son, Darin, of Creswell; grandsons Derek of Creswell and Brad of Cottage Grove; adopted son Mykael McMahan of Creswell; sister Bonnie Settera of Springfield; niece and nephew Terisa and Tim Settera of Springfield; and brother-in-law Rod Crooks of Cottage Grove.

At her request, no service will be held. There will be a celebration of her life TBA.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Oregon Cancer Foundation.

WELCH—Leota M. Welch, 91, of Cottage Grove, Ore., passed away Aug. 3, 2018.

She was born in Pampa, Texas on Aug. 1, 1927, to Lee and Effie (Vaughn) Horton.

Leota married Chester Welch and had three children: Linda, Karen and James; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed reading and her two cats. She was preceded in death by her husband

and son and is survived by her daughters and two brothers, Don and Ed Horton.

A celebration of her life will be held Aug. 18, at 11 a.m., at City Life Church located on Row River Road in Cottage Grove.

TOWNSEND—Dennis James Townsend, 65, of Creswell, Ore., passed away July 11, 2018.

He was born June 1, 1953, in Cottage Grove to Clement and Lillian (Adams) Townsend.

Dennis graduated from Cottage Grove High School. He was a diesel mechanic, did asphalt paving and worked on heavy equipment.

Dennis enjoyed car racing and wood working. He was a member of the Creswell Church of Christ.

Dennis married Diana Bonilla on July 19, 1994, in the Church of Christ, Cottage Grove, Ore.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Townsend of Creswell; son Brian (Debra) of Spokane, Wash.; son Sandivar (Ji) of Huntington Beach, Calif.; daughter Jane (Spencer) of Vancouver, Wahs.; daughter Kristel of Cottage Grove; daughter Roxanne of Creswell; son Jeremy (Marci) of Cottage Grove; 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas Townsend.

A memorial and pot luck reception will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Creswell Church of Christ.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

KEERAN—Billie Beebe (Wilson) Keeran, 92, passed peacefully Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Elma, Wash., with family members by her side.

Born Jan. 11, 1926, in Childress, Texas, she was the eldest daughter of Sam and Ruth Wilson.

Billie Wilson grew up in Pomona, Calif., in a strong Christian household and attended the Church of God.

It was there she met Eli H. Keeran, whom she married on March 28, 1947. Billie and Eli both graduated from Oregon State College with education degrees and, after a stint teaching in Brazil, they moved in 1952 to Cottage Grove, where they lived, worked and raised their family.

They were active members of the Riverside Church of God. In 2001, Billie and Eli moved to Elma, Wash., to be closer to family members.

Billie enjoyed bird watching, gardening, crossword puzzles, reading, bookkeeping and listening to music. She loved her family, was a lifelong Church of God member, enjoyed working in her community and faithfully supported many Christian

Charities.

Billie is preceded in death by her husband Eli Keeran (2005); and a brother, Bob Wilson.

She is survived by a sister, Patricia Van Der Veur; three sons: Kent Keeran (Nancy), Charles Keeran (Mary Lou) and David Keeran (Lisa); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A burial service will be held at a future date.

GARDNER—Susie MFN Gardner, 54, passed Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, in Dorena, Ore.

Susie was born Oct. 2, 1963, in Hanford, Calif., to the late Donald MFN Gardner, Sr. and Marilyn MFN Gardner.

She was the middle child of three born between her sister Lynell MFN Gardner and Donnie MFN Gardner, Jr., both of which survived her.

In life, Susie loved to go fast and play hard. She was passionate about painting and artwork, she loved playing

the poker machines at Jasper's Deli and the Pub, and enjoyed spending time with her two sons, Timothy MFN Lowrey and Joey MFN Lowrey; her grandchildren; her dogs: Buddy MFN Gardner and Odis MFN Gardner; her nieces and nephews; and her wild bunch of friends up river and around Cottage Grove.

As her children, we will fondly remember our mother for instilling in us a fearless strength, courage, resolve and confidence; we will remember her laughter and smile; her witty intelligence and most of all her irreplaceable, unconditional love and motherly pride.

In celebration of our mother's life we ask that her family, friends and those that loved her attend the memorial to be held at the Dorena Grange — 34360 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove, Ore., 97424 — on Aug. 18, from 2 p.m. to whenever.

Police log

August 5

- Illegal camping reported near Village Center.
- A man said his bull dog was attacked by a neighbor's pit bull.
- Cigarette pack found in the grandstands at CG Speedway reported as having crystal meth inside.

August 6

- Woman reported the possibility of transients moving into a home that should be vacant near Jefferson Ave.
- Suitcase found at the Community Center.
- Sprinklers at Harrison Elementary reported as being

operational for 48 hours.

- Two dogs reported as being distressed in a vehicle, windows partially rolled down.
- A man reported that a parrot flew into his yard and was killed by his dog. Concerned the owner may not be aware the bird was missing and now, deceased.
- Caller reported "lots of drug activity going on" on Main St.

August 7

- Two individuals reported looking into vehicles on Main St. and carrying a plastic tote.

August 8

- \$600 cash was reported lost between the bank and BiMart
- August 8**
- Possible armed subject reported at the skate park. Individual was taking an air rifle to his sister's house for storage.
- August 9**
- Suspicious car reported parked in same spot for

three days. Additionally, someone on the roof of nearby house, took some wires.

- Two roommates reported in a dispute over a towel near K St.

- Caller reported shots fired, thinks it's a cannon. Call forwarded to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Fern Faye Dixon
May 6, 1918 – August 5, 2018

Fern Faye Dixon, 100, of Albany, passed away Sunday, August 5, 2018 at her home.

Fern was born in Drain, Oregon to Howard and Opal (Krewson) Tracy. She grew up in Drain on the family ranch and moved to Cottage Grove, graduating from Cottage Grove High School in 1936. She married Boone E. "Dick" Dixon in 1942 in Vancouver, Washington. When Dick went to serve in the Army in World War II, Fern went to work at First National Bank in Cottage Grove.

Upon Dick's return, they lived in Portland until his employment took them to Albany.

Fern continued her banking career at First National Bank in Albany; as well as Citizen's Valley Bank and Key Bank and also kept books for Dick's tire company, Dixon Tire Co. in Halsey.

Fern loved music and playing the piano, as well as traveling and growing flowers.

She is survived by her niece, Virginia Sherwood of Cottage Grove and nephew, Joe Tracy of Anchor Point, Alaska.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dick; and brother, Herschel Tracy.

A viewing will be from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Fisher Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 10:30am, Friday, August 17, 2018 at the First Christian Church in Albany, followed by a graveside at 2:00pm at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Eugene.

Memorial contributions to the First Christian Church or Albany Boys and Girls Club may be sent in care of Fisher Funeral Home, 306 Washington St. SW, Albany, OR 97321.

Condolences may be posted online at www.fisherfuneralhome.com.



Mary Lou Teel
1932-2018

Mary Lou Teel, was born October 20, 1932, to parents Adlore and Marie (Brenner) Crevier on the family farm in Millersburg, Michigan. She grew up an outdoors girl and remained so all her life. In 1951 she met and married Harold Barber, the handsome Air Force man. They were transferred to Fairbanks, Alaska, and her adventures there began. She hunted and fished and was comfortable wearing a 357 pistol on her hip when we'd go berry picking. She gardened, canned, and was an excellent seamstress. She discovered gold mining and it quickly became a loved passion. Mary Lou never met a stranger, and was always there with a helping hand. Her caring and compassion was felt by all. She had been active in Alaska Women in Mining, Relay for Life, and Alaska Pioneers organizations. She retired as a secretary from the Alaska Department of Highways. Due to illnesses, she moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon in 2012, where she passed on August 4, 2018. Mary Lou, or "Nana" to most family members, is survived by her two children, Kathy Jo and Russell Gene; grand-children, Tonya LeClair, Joshua Uutela, Deanna Uutela, and Jason Barber; great-grandchildren, Myranda LeClair, Evan Uutela, Hannah Uutela, Riley Scofield, and Lillian Fraser; and great-great grandchild, Maddison Barnett. Mary Lou was one of five children herself, and is survived by her sister, Jenny Sawyer. Her friends are too numerous to count and the love felt for her too enormous to measure. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.



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